(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The issue has been discussed in the meetings of the Narmada Control Authority (NCA), Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee (SSCAC) and the Review Committee of Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA). The Cabinet Secretary had also convened inter-state meetings on the issue on 8.6.98 and 13.10.98 wherein the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan had agreed to clear their arrears of undisputed outstanding shares to Govt. of Gujarat.

This matter was again discussed in the meeting of the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee on 28.10.99 wherein the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan had agreed to make all efforts to release balance amount of their undisputed share at the earliest.

Rivers Flowing from Nepal to Bihar

†775. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the rivers flowing from Nepal to Bihar, togetherwith the number of Kilometres which they cover from Nepal to Bihar;

(b) whether these rivers cause heavy floods in Bihar every year;

(c) whether any negotiations are being held to control these rivers between India and Nepal and to save Bihar from floods; and

(d) if so, the progress made since its beginning as on date, togetherwith the future plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The names of the major rivers flowing from Nepal to Bihar are the

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Ghaghra, Gandak, Bagmati, Kamla Balan and Kosi. The lengths of these rivers in Nepal/Tibet and in Bihar are as below:

(Length in Kilometres)

Sl. No.	Name of the river	India (In Bihar)	Nepal/ Tibet
1,	Ghaghra	70	585
2.	Gandak	260	380
3.	Bagmati	398	195
4.	Kamla Balan	150	178
5.	Kosi	260	208

(b) Ghaghra, Gandak and Kosi rivers cause heavy floods in Bihar every year.

(c) and (d) Negotiations by the Union Government with the Government of Nepal for undertaking measures to alleviate the sufferings of the inhabitants in Bihar from the ravages of floods resulted in setting up so far 27 hydrometeorological stations in Nepal. Flood warning messages from these stations have helped to protect life and property in North Bihar during monsoon.

A few water resources development projects, with predominant flood benefit components, like Sapta Kosi High Dam, Kamla and Bagmati projects have been under consideration of both the governments for a number of years. Sapta Kosi High Dam Project has been under active discussion in Joint Committee of Experts constituted for the purpose in 1992. Kamla and Bagmati Projects are also under discussion in the Joint Committee of Experts reconstituted as Joint Team of Experts in 1996. All the three projects are under preliminary stages of discussion.

Shrinking of Gangotri

776. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the source of the Ganga i.e. Gangotri is shrinking;